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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: NIE 63-5-54: Post-Geneva Outlook in Indochina

1. NIE 63-5-54 was initiated at the request of the DCI and is intended to give the President the coordinated views of the intelligence community on this subject prior to his early August departure on vacation.

2. It is recognized that it is extremely difficult, at this early phase of the cease fire implementation, to foresee clearly the probable course of future developments in Indochina. We therefore believe that another estimate on probable developments ought to be scheduled for early in the fourth quarter.

3. At close to close of business today the State Department called to indicate that it wished to bring up a number of minor points, none of which it felt to be truly substantial, and suggested that a clean-up session be held tonight. Because of State's representation that the changes were not substantial and because of the great undesirability of confronting members of the IAC with an altered text an hour or so before the convocation of the IAC meeting, neither the Board nor representatives of the military IAC members thought that a clean-up session would be profitable. Accordingly, we are having no clean-up session tonight and, as a result, the IAC may have to rule on a number of suggested changes.

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